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NECESSITY OF ENDING THE ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL EMBARGO IMPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AGAINST CUBA

Letter dated 26 September 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a photocopy of decision No. 356, entitled "Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba", which was adopted by consensus by the twentieth Council of the Latin American Economic System (SELA) on 3 June 1994. I believe that you and the representatives of the Member States should be aware of this decision.

Accordingly, I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 24.

(Signed) Fernando REMIREZ de ESTENOZ BARCIELA
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Decision No. 356

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba

The Latin American Council,

Recalling

Article 3, paragraphs (a) and (b), article 4 and article 5, paragraphs 1(1) and 4, of the Panama treaty,

Decision No. 112 on the application of coercive economic measures,

Resolutions 47/19 and 48/16, of the General Assembly of the United Nations, entitled "Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba",

Considering

The need to reaffirm, among other principles, the sovereign equality of States, non-intervention in their internal affairs and freedom of international trade and navigation, which are enshrined in many international legal instruments,

That freedom of trade is a factor contributing to the economic development and well-being of peoples,

The desirability of strengthening trade relations in the American hemisphere, in keeping with the principle of freedom of trade and navigation,

Decides:

Sole article. To reject the application of unilateral measures which affect the free conduct of international trade and are contrary to the principles of international law; and accordingly, to urge the lifting of the economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba; and to express its support for resolution 48/16 of the United Nations General Assembly, which calls for the elimination of unilateral measures which are inconsistent with the international, political and economic context.

3 June 1994